

POLY-GAMMA-GLUTAMIC CONJUGATES FOR ELICITING IMMUNE RESPONSES DIRECTED AGAINST BACILLI

ABSTRACT

Immunogenic compositions and methods for eliciting an immune response against *B. anthracis* and other bacilli are provided that include immunogenic conjugates of a poly- γ -glutamic acid (γ PGA) polypeptide of *B. anthracis*, or of another *Bacillus* that expresses a γ PGA polypeptide. The γ PGA conjugates elicit an effective immune response against *B. anthracis*, or against another *Bacillus*, in mammalian hosts to which the conjugates are administered.